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For: NICKEL POSITIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE MATERIAL AND  
NICKEL METAL HYDRIDE STORAGE BATTERY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Sir:

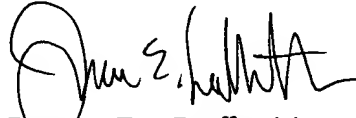
Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. A discussion of this art is provided in the background section of the application.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106.



Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

Respectfully submitted,



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The following references are submitted as information  
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| References      | Disclosed in the specification? |    | Copy |        |               | Translation |                |
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| 1.JP-A-50-36935 | ×                               |    | ×    |        |               | ×           | (Abstract)     |
| 2.JP-A-8-148145 | ×                               |    | ×    |        |               | ×           | (Abstract)     |
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